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SYMINGTON ON MOON SHOT

Senator Stuart Symington, Democrat from Missouri, and former Secretary of the Air Force, has made serious charges concerning our missile program. This is not the first time Symington has spoken out in a critical vein on the Administration's program.

His latest attack included the charge that the United States would not be able to duplicate the recent Soviet feat of landing a rocket on the moon "for many years."

In addition to this charge, Symington says that the delay he predicts will be extended even further, "because of recently decided upon additional heavy reductions in the budget."

There are especially serious charges, and they should be considered carefully by every American. On several occasions in the past Senator Symington has been only too right concerning our missile and rockets program.

Until the Administration can prove otherwise, Senator Symington's charges will concern many Americans. If it is indeed true that we cannot shoot a rocket to the moon for a period of years, and we are that far behind, the present Administration will no doubt be adversely judged by the American people.

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DISARMAMENT

The fact that the world's top leaders are all calling for disarmament is heartening. Nikita Khrushchev, speaking for Russia, may be sincere or he may be propagandizing. No one can be sure.

But Harry Truman and Christian Herter say they think he might be wanting an agreement on disarmament. Russia, of course, devotes about twenty per cent of her gross national product to arms, while the United States devotes about ten per cent to arms.

Khrushchev has promised the Russian people more consumer goods and the best way he can produce is to devote more of the total gross manufacturing product in Russia to civilian production.

Khrushchev's four-year disarmament plan, presented recently to the U. N. by the Russian Premier himself, was taken as more of a propaganda appeal than anything else by most westerners. But Khrushchev might actually want to accomplish something along this line.

The United States, from President Dwight D. Eisenhower and our representatives in the United Nations, on down, cannot afford to refuse to explore every possible road that might lead to disarmament. The offer thing we must be certain of is that the other fellow is disarming too.

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SPENDTHRIFT CONGRESS?

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Virginia Democrat, has issued a statement which shows the results of the financial maneuverings between the President and Congress in this recently-concluded session.

In general, the results were not what some had feared. In fact, Byrd's statement, which quotes figures from the Tax Foundation, shows that appropriations totaled $881,000,000 below budget requests. (It shows that Congress appropriated $75,000,000 more than the President requested in funds received by the government received from certain other sources, also).

Says Byrd about the Tax Foundation:

"The Tax Foundation is an independent research organization which I regard as the best in the field of government at all levels.

"As a matter of routine, the Tax Foundation has been keeping a running box score on bills authorizing expenditures during their passage through the legislative procedure. This review, showing final action by Congress on spending legislation during the session just ended, is the last of a series of three status reports published by the Foundation this year."

The figures issued by this organization show, further, that when Mr. Eisenhower submitted his budget in January, he requested spending authority totaling $76.8 billion dollars. He kept adding to those requests until his total requested was $78.2 billions.

When Congress finished appropriating money, it had not given the President as much as he asked, en toto, but had appropriated $77.4 Billions. That's where the Byrd figure of $881,000,000 comes from.

Thus the first session of the 86th Congress was not the feared spendthrift session so many people feared in January.

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THE HIGHEST CALLING

The art of home-making, or as we call it in school, Home Economics, is perhaps the one art which most nearly affects everyone, at one time or another, and is one of the highest callings of all the pursuits of life. We have gone on record, on many occasions, as saying that the greatest task, and most worthwhile calling, is that of being a successful mother home-maker and wife. Anyone who can manage a home, take care of a family, and see to all the things which this entails is doing a full-time job, and they make up the inner strength of our country.

But this is a big job, and proper training in the school will make it easier, and will make for greater efficiency and happiness in the home. The outstanding people in any community should always encourage youngsters to study home-making and the snobbish attitude of some, that they can let the servant do most of the home-making, is one of the basic weaknesses of our way of life.

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Nothing is drudgery to the mind that is interested and happy in the work at hand.

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Everybody likes to hear the 'truth" about someone else, in whispered form.

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Faith is what enables us to carry on in spite of life's disappointments and regrets.

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Trading in Appomattox is still a matter of good business judgment.

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The hardest work of some people is to appear important.

Washington Notes

Industrial Production

The first full month of the steel strike dropped industrial production only 4 per cent from its record peak of June, according to a Federal Reserve Board report.

The index of industrial production in August was 149, with the average of 1947-49 counted as 100. This was down four points from July and six points from the June peak of 155.

The steel strike began July 15.

Rejects Rail Probe

A railroad industry group says President Eisenhower has turned down its request for a special commission to study alleged featherbedding practices.

The group, the Association of American Railroads, contended railroad - union featherbedding — requiring more men on a job than is necessary — cost the industry $500,000,000 a year. The unions deny any featherbedding.

Rayburn Annoyed

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D.-Tex.) says he is annoyed by Democrats who vote with the opposition most of the time.

Discussing his congressional career on a television program recently, Rayburn said:

"What would irritate me more than anything else is the person who comes here as a so-called Democrat and 85 to 90 per cent of the time votes against the Democratic position."

Equal Time Curb

President Eisenhower has signed a bill to exempt radio and television newscasts from "equal time" demands of political candidates.

In a statement he said that the new law would make possible "the continued full participation of radio and television in the news coverage of political campaigns which is so essential to a well-informed America.

He had no doubt, he declared, that stations can be relied upon to carry out the provisions of the act — "fairly and honestly"— without abuse or partiality to any individual, group or party."

Bonds Slump Again

The Treasury reports that Americans continued last month to cash in savings bonds faster than they bought them.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS RELEASE

By Donald H. Renner

We receive many inquiries from both domestic employees and from people who employ such help in their homes. As the question arises so frequently, here is the rule:

The law requires that people who employ maids, babysitters, yardmen, etc., report wages for their help if the help is paid cash wages of $50 or more in a calendar quarter. The work done by the employee does not have to be regular or full-time. The test is the amount of wages paid in the calendar quarter.

How does an employer report the wages of a domestic employee?

First of all, the employee must have a social security card. This can be obtained by visiting or writing the Lynchburg Social Security Office or from your local post office.

When the employee goes to work in a private home, he should be certain to show his social security card to his employer. In January, April, July and October, every one who has a maid, a yardman or other household employee working for him during the past calendar quarter must send a Form 942 to the District Director of Internal Revenue, Richmond, Va., if the employee has been paid the required $50 or more in the quarter. On this Form 942 is shown the name and social security number of each domestic employee exactly as it is shown on the social security card, and also the total amount of wages paid in the quarter. All of this information must be shown correctly in order for the employee to get proper social security credit. The employer deducts 2½% from the wages he pays the employee and adds 2½% of his own. This tax money is sent to the Internal Revenue Office with the Form 942.

Employers who have never had a household employee work for them and who hire such an employee may get in touch with the Social Security Office in Lynchburg and secure the pamphlet, "Do You Have a Maid?" This pamphlett contains a post card form which can be mailed to Internal Revenue for the Form 942.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What are some of the weird effects of phosphorus? Are these signs or lights indicative of the weather ahead?

As the reader probably knows, phosphorus produces light, which can be noticed readily at night. In water, especially salt water, splashes, waves and many other things cause water to show phosphorus light.

But phosphorus sometimes appears in the earth, too. It is said to float in the air when a low pressure system exists, over old cemeteries, and it may come from decomposing bodies beneath the ground?

Phosphorus glow inland usually indicates low pressure and thus bad weather.

A SCHOOL FULL

Lewiston, Maine.- There's a Dulac for every grade at Holy Family Parochial School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred E. Dulac, Jr., hold the distinction of having one child in each of the school's eight grades.

And there are three more to come. One of them was born only eight months ago. Two other Dulac children have graduated from high school.

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NOTICE TO CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL PLANNERS

Localities arranging Centennial programs requiring cooperation of the military services are requested to make their needs known to the National Centennial Commission in order to save time and confusion.

"All requests of this nature received at National Headquarters," assured Karl S. Betts, executive director, "will be coordinated with the Department of Defense. Failure to follow this procedure will cause delay."

The Defense Department, he explained, will serve as the coordinating agency for all Centennial observances involving use of armed service organizations, and it will look to the National Commission for approval before it considers requests.

Definitely Unsporting!

Talladega, Ala.- Town officials plan to put more glass and better lighting in phone booths — to reduce necking.

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A Slow Beat

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...Sept. 29.- James E. ...son, of St. Petersburg, ...visiting his parents, Mr. ...Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

...Mrs. H. B. Crisle spent ...in Richmond visiting ...Mrs. Clapp and family.

...Mrs. Jack and David Garrison ...taking trip to Lynchburg, Saturday.

...Mrs. Courtney Franklin ...of Prospect, visited ...Mrs. Jesse Franklin and family.

...Mrs. R. E. Harris attended Midway Church ...

...guests of Mr. and Mrs. ...Sunday were Mr. and ...Mrs. Robin and daughter, ...Mr. and Mrs. Lewis ...daughter, of Appomattox.

...Mrs. H. W. Browning ...Waynesboro, visited ...Mrs. K. Hamilton and ...Mrs. M.

...Mr. Raymond Carrico ...Lynchburg, were the ...of Mr. and Mrs. ...and sons last Sunday.

...Mrs. D. Thompson, of ...Saturday with her ...Mrs. G. W. Glover.

...Mrs. ...ne, of Florida, is ...er and relatives.

...Jack Caldwell, of ...spent the week-end ...Mr. and Mrs. R.

...Mrs. Charlie McFadden, ...entertained Mr. and Mrs. ...Sunday P. M.

...Rev. V. L. Hudson ...Rev. Robert Harris in ...Midway Baptist Church

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...Sept. 24.- Too late for ...Mr. and Mrs. Eugene ...Lynchburg, and Mr. ...Martin spent Saturday ...and Mrs. John Moore

...Workers Class of the ...Church School, ...and relatives met ...Mr. and Mrs. H. O. ...for a picnic and

...Moore spent Monday ...Mrs. H. R. Moore. She ...Mrs. Mary Burge and ...spent several days with ...Mrs. Herman Harding

...Mrs. Abner Martin, Phil ...of Richmond spent ...with Mrs. T. M. Martin ...Mrs. Martin. They were ...guests of Mr. and ...Morris, Ronnie and Carl.

...S. W. Martin, of Lynchburg, ...Mr. and Mrs. Herman ...a few days.

...Herman Moore, Mrs. T. W. ...and Mrs. S. G. Martin at ...Home Demonstration ...at the home of Mrs. M. G. ...yesterday afternoon.

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LIME USE INCREASES SLIGHTLY IN VIRGINIA

A slight, but encouraging, upturn in the use of lime by Virginia farmers during the past year is noted by W. W. Lewis, agronomist at VPI Agricultural Extension Service.

He says around 470,000 tons of lime were used during the past year, an increase of about 10,000 tons from the year before. However, this is a long way from the recommended amounts, and there are signs that some of Virginia's legume crops are suffering, Lewis says.

A recent report showed that from 1952 to 1957, the amount of lime used on farms in Virginia dropped from 904,777 to 460,000 tons.

"We need an immediate application of 2 to 3 million tons to bring soil in the state to the desirable level of acidity," Lewis said. "And to maintain that level, will require another million tons annually."

Why have farmers been so negligent in applying lime?

Certainly not cost, Lewis says, since the price varies between only $3 and $6 per ton, depending on the section of the state. Prices are lowest in the valley and southwest sections where lime deposits and plants are found. Freight charges add to the cost for Piedmont and Tidewater farmers.

One reason for the drop, Lewis says, may be the slight immediate gain a farmer can see from spreading lime. Unlike fertilizer, it is a long range program which must be maintained year by year, but which doesn't show up until you get negligent and forget it. Lewis outlined a two-step program for Virginia farmers to follow to overcome the lime deficit:

1. Send soil samples from all fields in production to the VPI Agronomy Department for a free analysis. Soil boxes, record sheets, and shipping cartons are available without cost from county agents.

2. Follow the lime and fertilizer suggestions given by the specialists. County agents will work with farmers in setting up a yearly application schedule.

Fields in which specialized crops such as tobacco and alfalfa are grown should be sampled each year. Rotation fields should be tested each rotation, or each 3 years.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

The bride entertaining her in-laws at her very first dinner party is quite likely to feel very much at sea. The same thing could apply to the bachelor girl out to display her culinary art to a favorite beau.

It is important for any hostess to learn that entertaining can be made simple and it doesn't need to be a big production to be successful. In fact, trying to make a big production of having a few friends in for dinner is the surest way we know to make your guests feel uncomfortable.

There are a few very important pointers that can help things go smoothly.

(1). The table cloth must be clean and the glasses and silver should gleam. If at all possible, set the table ahead of time.

(2). Try to choose dishes that can be timed to the exact second. Of course, a dish that can be cooked in advance and then heated up is ideal for the hostess with no help. There are entire cookbooks devoted to those types of dishes.

(3). For your first dozen or so dinner parties you will find it helpful to make a list of all the things you must do in connection with the party. After a time this routine becomes second nature.

(4). The strain of a dinner party without the help of a maid may be helped by serving coffee and dessert in the living room. In this way you can set the dessert tray in advance with plates, cups and saucers, spoons, cream pitchers, sugar and cigarettes.

(5). Empty ash trays occasionally but do not do it noticeably. Keep the conversation going, if necessary, by prodding each guest's interest if time lags. Avoid heated controversy at all costs.

(6). Make a last minute check of the bathroom. Have clean towels, soap, and make-up available.

With congenial guests and this list, you can't go wrong. Oh yes, —don't burn the roast!

Children's Home Society Fund Drive Announced

Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr., will head the 1959 campaign of the Children's Home Society of Virginia in Appomattox County. This announcement was made today in Richmond by the organization's president, Mr. H. Merrill Pasco. The annual drive for funds in this area will begin on October 5 and continue through October 15, 1959.

Mrs. Harwood announced the following campaign organization:

Town Chairmen: Appomattox, Mrs .William E .Chernault; Evergreen, Mrs. John Kent Hamilton; Pamplin City, Mrs. William C. Dudley, Jr.; Spout Spring, Mrs. Nell Walton; Vera, Mrs. Byrod Conner; Oakville, Mrs. Fleming Drinkard; Stonewall, Mr. Osborne Davidson; Hollywood, Mr. Harry Jenkins.

Sponsors: W. M. Black, Mrs. Paul Drinkard, Mrs. John Kent Hamilton, Mrs. C. M. Stratton and John P. Taylor, Mrs. Paul Drinkard, of the Farmers National Bank, is treasurer for the county.

The Children's Home Society is the largest private adoption agency in Virginia. In 1958, 394 babies were in its care and of these 117 were placed in adoptive homes, all with families who live in Virginia.

Three babies from Appomattox County were in the care of the Society in 1958.

Mrs. June Chernault, town of Appomattox chairman, plans a drive for October 8, at 7:30 P. M. Workers will meet at Averett's Department Store. Workers are: Business places Mrs. Audrey Ferguson; Other workers: Mrs. Faye Lovell, Mrs. Alice Tignor, Mrs. Nannie M .Smith, Mrs. Evelyn Chernault, Mrs. Nina Beasley, Mrs. Dot Davidson, Miss Laura McFadden, Mrs. Ellen Jamerson, Mrs. Peggy Marshall, Mrs. Katie Doss, Mrs. Carroll Gull, Mrs. Rebecca Hudson, Mrs. Jean LeGrand, Mrs. Harriett Redding, Mrs. Sudie Rowe, Mrs. Patsy Harvey, Mrs. Peggy Bumgardner, Mrs. Etta Inge, Mrs. Jackie Matthews, Mrs. Carolyn Smith, Mrs. Sandra Mitchell, Mrs. Vara Wilhoit, Mrs. Dick Wingfield, Miss Leota Loomis, Miss Nancy Davis, Miss Kathy White.

Cold Cash!

Hampton, Va.- A burglar stole cold cash — money hidden in a refrigerator — from Joe's Grill, a local eatery, recently.

He must have been determined not to handle "hot" money!

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OUCH!

Oklahoma City.- Riding his new power mower across his lawn, Owen Watts noticed the clippings were two shades of green. One shade was the color of $86 that had slipped out of his wallet. Watts has turned over the green ribbons to the Treasury Department in Washington in the hope of getting a refund.

Gives Up License At 90

Birmingham, Ala.- Ninety-year-old Hughee B. Kennedy gave up his driver's license recently, saying "a man my age had better quit driving a car."

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